(Private) Ltd., which has taken over the existing cement control machinery. With a view to relieve the present shortage in the country foreign cement is being imported and both the foreign cement and the indigenous cement will be made available at one and the same price. Under the new set up all the cement factories in the country will sell cement to this organization and it will release it for sale to the Government and the general public at a price fixed by it through the existing stockists who are the authorised cement dealers. The existing control machinery will continue to be in force to ensure satisfactory and equitable distribution to all concerned. It is, therefore, expected that the present difficult situation will be relieved shortly with the availability of imported cement. It may be mentioned here that there are no specific instances before the Government of black-marketing in price and non-compliance with the requisitions made by the officers of the Revenue and Agriculture Departments on cement stockists as represented by the hon. Member Sri Ramalingam. I assure the Hon. Member and the House that the Government will always take suitable action against those who indulge in black-marketing or otherwise violate the provisions of the Cement Control Order, if specific instances come to their notice.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : On a point of personal explanation, Sir, *re* what fell from the Speaker on the number of supplementaries I put. I submit that in respect of Question No. 272-D, I put only one supplementary question.

MR. SPEAKER : I may be wrong. But the hon. Member should not try to attract my attention by calling out, " Sir, Sir ". He must try to catch the Speaker's eye and not his ears by standing up in his seat.

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* PREVALENCE OF SMALL-POX AND PECULIAR CONTAGIOUS FEVER IN KALLIASSERI VILLAGE, CHIRAKKAL TALUK.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of an adjournment motion from the hon. Member Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar, which reads as follows :—

That the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely—

the prevalence of small-pox and a peculiar contagious fever in Kalliasseri village, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, since two weeks, consequent upon which the Board Higher Elementary school and the Elementary school, Mangad, had to be closed and the failure of the Government to take any effective steps to prevent the spread of such disease and to cure the same in spite of the fact that the President of the Panchayat Board, the Village Munsif and the Headmasters of the schools concerned represented

I do not know whether the Hon. Minister is ready to make a statement. Anyhow, let me hear what the hon. Member has to say on his Motion.

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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the adjournment motion which I have given notice of, is now before the House.

MR. SPEAKER : The Motion has not yet been admitted and the hon. Member has only to say how it is in order.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : It is in order in the sense that there is prevalence of small-pox and a peculiar kind of fever in the Kalliasseri village, Chirakkal taluk. The President of the Panchayat Board, Kalliasseri village, Chirakkal taluk has already reported the matter to the Health Department some three weeks back. The Headmaster of the Board Higher Elementary school at Kalliasseri village has also sought the help of the health authorities in this connection. The strength of the Board Higher Elementary school is about 700 pupils. The Headmaster of the Mangad Elementary school has also referred this matter to the Health authorities. In addition, the village munsif of that village has requested the health authorities to attend to the matter urgently. There is no Health Inspector stationed at Thaliparamba; there is only a Health Inspector stationed at Cannanore and he is asked to attend to the work in Thaliparamba area also. That Inspector has also been approached in the matter. In spite of all these things, nothing has been done in the matter, with the result that the children studying in the schools have been affected by small-pox and a peculiar contagious fever. The people in the area have become panicky over it. Usually when motions under Rule 40 or adjournment motions are moved in the House on any particular subject, only then the Departmental officials begin to move in the matter. I would request the Hon. Minister to give instructions to the Health authorities that as and when they receive reports from the village munsif or the President of the Panchayat Board they should immediately move in the matter, and do whatever is necessary. I would request the Hon. Minister to take suitable measures immediately to save the people from the attack of small-pox and fever. 10–20 a.m.

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Sir, I am not sure whether the facts stated by my hon. Friend are based on reliable information and whether he has taken the trouble to verify the truth of what he has heard. Any way I am informed that no reports have come to the District Health Officer, North Malabar or to any other person about this prevalence of small-pox and contagious fever. However, he has been asked by telegram to proceed immediately to the spot and take necessary action. The Assistant Director of Public Health is also proceeding to that place. All that is necessary will be done.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : In view of the statement made by the Hon. Minister and in the expectation that the officers will do the needful and take all curative and preventive measures, I do not press my adjournment motion.